**Cases registered under Domestic Violence Act**

457. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

the number of cases registered under the Domestic Violence Act Since it has been enacted;

the details of Protection Officers appointed in different States;

whether Government provides financial assistance for the implementation of the Act in States; and

if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per the information furnished by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Ministry of Home Affairs, the number of cases registered under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 which came into force oh 26th October, 2006 was 102, 155 and 364 during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 respectively. This excludes data from ten States and three UTs from where the information is not available.

The information available with the Ministry of Women and Child Development is given in the Statement *(See* below).

No, Sir.

Law and order and other criminal matters is a State subject under the Constitution and therefore, the direct responsibility for dealing with enforcement of the concerned Acts is that of the State Governments and the mechanisms under them. The registration investigation, detection and prevention of offences against women in primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations.

***Statement***

*Information received from State Governments/UTs regarding appointment of Protection Officers under protection of women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005*

| Sl. No. | Name of State/UT | Action taken by the State/UT |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4. | Arunachal Pradesh | The Government has notified the Protection Officers. |
| 5. | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | The Administration has notified appointment of six Protection Officers for the three Districts of the Island on 7th Feb., 07 |
| 6. | Andhra Pradesh | Respective Project Directors of DW&CDA have been appointed as 1. Protection Officers in respect of each district. |
| 7. | Bihar | The CDPOs have been given the additional charge of Protection Officer 8. as a temporary measure till regular protection officers are appointed. |
| 9. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | A lady Police Sub Inspector has been appointed as Protection Officer. |
| 10. | NCT of Delhi | Protection Officers have been designated for all 9 districts. |

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| | Goa | Protection Officers have been appointed for each of the two Districts of the State. |
| 8 | Gujarat | District Social Defence Officers of each district of the State have been appointed as Protection Officer for the respective districts. |
| 9 | Kerala | Notification has been issued appointed Protection Officers. |
| 10 | Lakshadweep | Nine Protection Officers have been appointed *vide* notification dated. 3-11-2006. |
| 11 | Madhya Pradesh | Protection Officers have been appointed in all the 48 districts and 314 blocks. |
| 12 | Manipur | Programme Officers or CDPOs working under the ICDS project have been appointed as Protection Officers in all the nine districts of the State. |
| 13. | Orissa | State Government has notified appointment of Protection Officers for each District *vide* notification dated 20.3.2007. |
| 14 | Tamil Nadu | 31 P.Os. appointed in 22 of 30 districts. |
| 15 | Uttar Pradesh | The District Probationary Officers have been temporarily appointed as Protection Officers. |
| 16 | West Bengal | The District Programme Officer, Kolkata has been appointed as the Protection Officer for the areas covered under the ICDS Project of Kolkata *vide* State Government's order dated 5-4-2007. |

**Crime against Children**

458. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether the recent report of the National Human Rights Commission has indicated that there is significant increase in crimes against children below 18 years of age; and

if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken to create a safe environment for children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) A Committee which was constituted by the National Human Rights Commission, under the Chairmanship of one of the Members, had taken not of the crimes against children, particularly, brutal killing of several innocent children in Nithari, U.P. The report submitted by the Committee was considered by the Commission *vide* its proceedings dated 2nd July, 2007. In the light of the directions of the Commission, a copy of the report was sent to the Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and to the Chief Secretaries and DGPs of all States for necessary action at their end.

Ministry of Women and Child Development has formulated a new Centrally Sponsored scheme, namely, Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), for implementation during Eleventh Plan with the objective of providing a safe and secure environment to the children of the country for their overall development.